

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Claims 1-7, 10-15, 17-20, and 22 have been withdrawn; Claims 8 and 9 were previously cancelled; no Claims were amended, added, or deleted. As a result, Claims 16, 21 and 23 are pending in the case.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed Claims 16, 21 and 23. Applicant has withdrawn all other Claims. Accordingly, the Application should now be in condition for allowance and an action to this end is earnestly requested. If it would expedite the progress of this Application, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

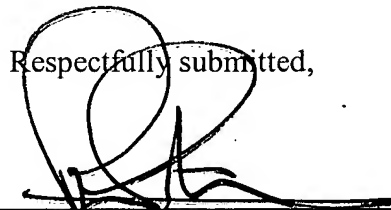
The Examiner and Commissioner are hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Response or refund any overpayments associated with this Response to our deposit account, Deposit Account No. 50-2803.

Respectfully submitted,

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